CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, EQUIPMENT, CONTRACTUAL SERVICE INVOLVING MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) SHALL BE MADE ON WRITTEN CONTRACT. THE MANAGER SHALL ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS, IN SUCH MANNER AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY ORDINANCE, FOR ALL SUCH WRITTEN CONTRACTS. THE WRITTEN CONTRACTS SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE BIDDER WHO OFFERS THE LOWEST OR BEST BID, QUALITY OF GOODS AND WORK, TIME OF DELIVERY OR COMPLETION AND RESPONSIBILITY OF BIDDERS BEING CONSIDERED. WRITTEN CONTRACTS SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL BEFORE BECOMING EFFECTIVE. THE MANAGER MAY REJECT ALL BIDS AND READVERTISE. THE TOWN AT ANY TIME IN ITS DESCRETION MAY EMPLOY ITS OWN FORCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR (OR READVERTISING FOR) OR RECEIVING BIDS. WRITTEN CONTRACTS MAY BE PROTECTED BY SUCH BONDS, PENALTIES, AND CONDITIONS AS THE TOWN MAY REQUIRE.

- 49. (LAPSE OF APPROPRIATIONS) EVERY APPROPRIATION, EXCEPT AN APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, SHALL LAPSE AT THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR TO THE EXTENT THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN EXPENDED OR ENCUMBERED. AN APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE SHALL CONTINUE IN FORCE UNTIL THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS MADE HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED OR ABANDONED IF THREE YEARS PASS WITHOUT ANY DISBURSEMENT FROM OR ENCUMBRANCE OF THE APPROPRIATION.
- 50. (ANNUAL AUDIT) THE FINANCIAL BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN SHALL BE AUDITED ANNUALLY AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE 19 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND. THE RESULTS OF SUCH AUDIT SHALL BE SUMMARIZED AND PUBLISHED ANNUALLY IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE TOWN WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT BY THE COUNCIL.
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